

ASUNCION ATTACKED BY REBELS

Capital City of Paraguay Suffered Bombardment From Insurgent's Vessels During Forty Minutes.

After Long Secret Conference An Amistice Was Declared For Twenty-four Hours.

THE HELPLESS MAY ESCAPE

Women and Children Are Given Opportunity to Escape During Brief Truce Before Bombardment.

Buenos Ayres, Aug. 18.—Three insurgent vessels bombarded Asuncion, the capital of Paraguay, yesterday for 40 minutes. The extent of the damage is unknown.

Government artillery replied to the insurgents and one gun bursted, wounding several of the government's soldiers.

Ministers of Argentina, Brazil, Italy and France boarded one of the insurgent vessels and held a long secret conference, at the conclusion of which a truce for 24 hours was declared to give women and children an opportunity to leave the capital before further bombardment.

The government has a force of 5000 soldiers, 500 of whom are armed with Remington rifles. A panic prevails at Asuncion.

REFUSED MIKADO'S OFFER.

Russian General Would Not Accept Humane Offer of Japanese.

Tokio, Aug. 18.—Major Yamaoka, representing the Japanese forces besieging Port Arthur, met the Russian chief of garrisons and staff about 600 yards north of Shoshiyung at 10:30 a. m. August 16, under a flag of truce and delivered to him the emperor's offer to remove non-combatants to a place of safety. The tender included women and children under 16 years of age, priests, diplomats and officers of neutral powers.

The conditions of the answer required that at 10 o'clock of August 17 the non-combatants should advance under a flag of truce. At 2 o'clock August 17 a detachment of Japanese infantry would accept their delivery at the conference point and convey them to Dalny, together with a limited amount of baggage, the examination of which was to be optional. The Russians were required to answer either "yes or no" and were not allowed to alter the Japanese conditions. General Stoessel refused the offer of the Japanese commander and the battle was renewed.

JAPANESE LOST 20,000.

Had Terrible Fighting and Gained Important Points.

Chefoo, Aug. 18.—Junks arriving from Port Arthur bring the news of terrible fighting, August 14 and 15, and again on the 17th, during which it is alleged the Japanese lost 20,000 men, but gained important advantages in position. According to the Chinese, the mikado's soldiers captured many important positions, including Pigeon bay and some of the forts at Liao Tieshan.

NO ULTIMATUM SENT.

Japan and China Will Settle Matter Amicably.

Pekin, Aug. 18.—It is denied at the Japanese legation here that an ultimatum has been sent China. It is asserted that the matter will be settled amicably.

Destroyers in Port.

Chefoo, Aug. 18.—Two Japanese torpedo boat destroyers spent an hour in the harbor today. Five other destroyers were reported outside. The object of their visit is unknown.

Thinks It Was the Pallada.

Tokio, Aug. 18.—Captain Mathuoka

reports having torpedoed a Russian cruiser of the Pallada type on the night of August 10.

Russian Gunboats Retreated.

Tokio, Aug. 18.—Admiral Togo reports that the Japanese gunboats Maya and Amagi discovered the Russian gunboat Giliak and another boat shelling Japanese defenses near Shenzen. The Japanese vessels attacked the Russian gunboats. The Giliak was hit by a shell and retreated to Port Arthur.

War Ships Given Time.

Shanghai, Aug. 18.—Upon recommendation of the chief of customs, Taotai of Shanghai will allow the Russian cruiser Askold and torpedo boat destroyer Grozovoi to remain in port until August 23, when one day's notice to leave or disarm will be given them. The arrival here of Chinese men of war is expected.

Fleet Coming to Shanghai.

Shanghai, Aug. 18.—Odagiri, the Japanese consul general, has notified Taotai of Shanghai that a Japanese fleet is coming in to seize the Russian cruiser Askold and Russian torpedo boat destroyer Grozovoi.

THE FIRE SITUATION.

Better in Oregon But Very Serious in Washington.

Portland, Aug. 18.—Reports from the several sections of this state which have recently suffered severely from forest fires, indicate that conditions have greatly improved within the past 24 hours and that the timber fires are under control.

Not such encouraging reports have been received from Washington, however. Fires are still raging in the great forests of that state, doing an incalculable damage. Fires not far from Vancouver, Wash., are still burning fiercely. Reports from that district show that during yesterday and last evening seven houses were destroyed with the mill of the Homestead Lumber Company, together with a large quantity of cut wood and much valuable timber. Fire did further damage today, burning several houses. The situation is so alarming that a detachment from the barracks at Vancouver has been sent to the scene.

WIFE OF JUSTICE FULLER.

Dies of Heart Disease at Her Maine Cottage.

Sorrento, Me., Aug. 18.—Mrs. Mary E. Fuller, wife of Chief Justice Fuller, of the United States supreme court, died here suddenly yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Fuller was the daughter of William F. and Jane Brown Coolbaugh; and was born in Burlington, Ia., August 19, 1845. She is survived by her husband and seven daughters and one son.

The death of Mrs. Fuller occurred while she was sitting on the piazza of her summer cottage, "Mainstay," at Sorrento. Death was caused by heart disease.

PARKER COMING WEST.

Will Visit the Exposition at St. Louis in September.

Esopus, N. Y., Aug. 18.—Judge Parker has about decided to go to St. Louis to attend the meeting of the American Bar Association and view the exposition in September. It is not likely he will make any speeches on the way to the exposition city, but there is some probability he may make a detour on his return in order to address political meetings at Chicago, Indianapolis and one or two other places. The suggestion has been made that he will go on an extensive stumping tour, but no decision has been reached in regard to the matter. He will probably make the closing speech of the campaign in New York city.

Secretary Shaw's Trip.

Chicago, Aug. 18.—The itinerary of Secretary Shaw's western campaign tour was completed today by the republican national committee, as follows:

Helena, Mont., August 24; Spokane, August 26; Seattle, August 29; Portland, August 31; San Francisco, September 3 and 5; Los Angeles, September 7; Denver, September 12; Pueblo, September 13.

PEOPLES PARTY LEADERS RECEIVE NOTIFICATION AT NEW YORK MEETING

Thomas E. Watson of Georgia and Thomas H. Tibbles of Nebraska Are Standard Bearers of the Party.

In His Speech of Acceptance Mr. Watson Said, "I Have No Words of Abuse for the Soldier Roosevelt—I Believe Him to Be a Brave, Conscientious Man"—Is Prepared to Fight the Principles of the Administration.

New York, Aug. 18.—Thomas E. Watson of Georgia, people's party candidate for president, and Thomas H. Tibbles of Nebraska, vice presidential candidate, were formally notified of their nomination here tonight at Cooper Union. The hall was crowded when the two candidates entered, accompanied by Alfred G. Boulton of Brooklyn, and there was much cheering.

Chairman Boulton introduced Judge Samuel W. Williams of Indiana, who made a speech officially notifying the candidates of their selection.

In closing his address, in which he reviewed the work and ideals of the party, Judge Williams said to Mr. Watson:

"We realize with pride that you stand with Jefferson and Lincoln, with Peter Cooper and Henry George, with Polk and with Donnelly, in placing the man above the dollar."

When Watson arose to speak the cheering continued nearly four minutes. Chairman Boulton introduced him in half a dozen words, simply referring to him as the candidate of the people's party.

Mr. Watson gave a considerable portion of his address to the discussion of the democratic and republican platforms and the candidacy of Judge Parker. The speaker said he would not venture to say a word against Judge Parker's character, "for I believe him to be an eminently worthy man." Of President Roosevelt, Watson said: "I have no words of abuse for the

soldier Roosevelt. I believe he is a brave, honest, conscientious man. I give him full credit for having splendid courage of conviction, but inasmuch as he stands for those government principles which, in my judgment, are hurrying the republic into sordid despotism of wealth, I will combat him and his principles as long as there is breath in my body."

Answering a self-asked question as to why he consumed more time discussing the democrats than in speaking of the republicans the "populist" leader made reply:

"It's an easier and quicker job to strike an open enemy right between the eyes than it is to tear off the mask from the face of a pretended friend and show him to be the hypocrite he is."

Continuing, Mr. Watson said: "I do not believe that the six and a half million men who followed Mr. Bryan can now be delivered like cattle to the Clevelandites who knocked the ticket or bolted in 1896. I believe that the great majority of men who voted for Bryan are men of convictions. I can not but hope they will realize that I am fighting their battle now."

Mr. Watson declared for public ownership of railways, asserting that the trusts got their greatest support from the railroads. He also spoke in favor of an income tax.

WILL BUILD LINEN MILLS.

Plants to Be Erected at Albany and Other Valley Cities.

Albany, Ore., Aug. 18.—Eugene Bosse, who has announced that he will establish a linen mill in Salem, is looking over the field in Albany with a view to establishing a linen mill here. Mr. Bosse says he will establish a number of mills over the valley, and that flax should be grown here in large quantities, as the Oregon product is the best in the world.

At the present time the linen mill at Seio is the only one in this locality. It has proved successful, and those who raise flax on their farms have found it profitable.

G. A. R. CHOSE COMMANDER.

Denver Selected as Place for the Meeting Next Year.

Boston, Aug. 18.—General Simon Blackmur was today elected commander in chief of the G. A. R. by acclamation at the closing session of the encampment. Denver was selected for the next place of meeting. Other national officers elected were: Senior vice commander in chief, John R. King, Washington, D. C.; junior vice commander in chief, George W. Patton, Chattanooga, Tenn.; surgeon general, Dr. Warren R. King, Indianapolis; chaplain in chief, Rev. J. H. Bradford, Washington, D. C.

SMOKE BOTHERS SAILORS.

Forest Fires Near Coast Are Hindering Navigation.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 18.—The long continued dry weather has caused the spread of forest fires throughout the interior and along the coast, and great tracts of timber are ablaze. The smoke is so thick along the coast that navigation is difficult. Millions of feet of standing timber have been destroyed.

SACRIFICED HIS LIFE.

Died While Trying to Save a Drowning Woman.

New York, Aug. 18.—Dr. John S.

Coman, one of the most prominent physicians and dentists in Harlem, and a graduate of the University of New York, has sacrificed his life at Navesink highlands in attempting to save a woman, who, while bathing in Shrewsbury river, stepped into a deep hole. He brought the woman to the surface after diving three times. The effort exhausted him and he sank while another bather took the woman to shore. Four doctors worked over her several hours but she probably will die.

ALL ABOUT MARRIAGE.

Library of 1700 Volumes on Matrimonial Institutions.

Chicago, Aug. 18.—The library of 1700 volumes on "Matrimonial Institutions," has been donated to the University of Chicago. Prof. George Elliott Howard, lecturer of the university and formerly a professor of history at the Leland Stanford, Jr., university, is the donor. This library is said to be the largest in the world on the subjects of marriage, divorce and the family.

TREMONT SAILS TO ORIENT.

Damaged in Collision to the Extent of at Least \$75,000.

Seattle, Aug. 18.—The steamship Tremont sailed again for China and Japan this evening. The owners estimate the damage sustained by the collision on Monday to amount to \$75,000. Permanent repairs will be made when she returns here.

Body of Stoker Found.

New York, Aug. 18.—The body of a man, almost completely nude, which was found in the harbor, has been positively identified, says a Herald dispatch from Villefranche, France. He is Henry Mitchell, a stoker, previously reported to have disappeared from aboard the Olympia on the night of August 4 and 5, while the American squadron was anchored off Villefranche. No clue to his murderer has yet been found.

Tug Owner Gone.

New York, Aug. 18.—Edward Luckenbach, probably the largest individual tugboat and barge owner on the Atlantic coast, is dead at his home in Brooklyn. He was 60 years old and began life as a canal boatman. Tugs of the line he founded are largely engaged in towing coal barges between Newport News and Boston and New York.

Head-on Collision.

Salt Lake, Aug. 18.—In a head-on collision between a construction train and a relief train on the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake road, near Calientes, Nevada, seven trainmen were injured.

Senator Hoar Better.

Worcester, Mass., Aug. 18.—Senator Hoar's condition tonight is satisfactory. He rested easily during the day and slept quietly. His mind is clear and altogether the family feel hopeful for the prolongation of his life.

Wife Murderer Executed.

Columbus, O., Aug. 18.—Alfred A. Knapp, convicted of the murder of his wife, Hannah Goddard Knapp, and who confessed to five murders, was electrocuted at the Ohio penitentiary a few minutes after midnight.

25 Unionists Released.

Cripple Creek, Colo., Aug. 18.—Of 48 unionists held on criminal charges after the deportations from this district, 25 have been released on bail.

ACCUSED OF COMPLICITY.

Chinese Commodore Branded as a Coward or Traitor.

A Washington dispatch to the Oregonian gives the following version of the Ryeshiteini affair: Mr. Conger, the American minister at Peking, has cabled to the state department under today's date as follows: "The Russian minister has sent to the Chinese government a strong note charging it with complicity in the Ryeshiteini affair, charging the Chinese commodore with cowardice or treason, and demanding a full explanation, the restoration of the destroyer, and severe punishment of the commodore. The Chinese government has demanded from the Japanese the restoration of the destroyer."

CHILDREN KIDNAPED BY GYPSY

Stolen From the House of Their Parents in a Chicago Suburb and Every Trace of Them Is Lost.

Police and Private Detectives Have Searched in Vain for a Clew to Mystery.

SAW GYPSY AT THE WINDOW

Little Ones, Aged 13, 8 and 6 Years, Had Been Chased On their Way Home From School.

Chicago, Aug. 18.—Three children of Charles Hauser, a contractor of Oak Park, have disappeared and search by police and private detectives has failed to give a clew to their whereabouts. The children are Emma, 13 years old; Emil, eight years old, and Ernest, six years old.

The children disappeared last Tuesday. All three were with their step-mother on the second floor of the residence. Mrs. Hauser, desiring an article from the first floor, sent Emil to fetch it.

"We'll go too," cried the sister and little brother, and the trio ran down stairs. That was the last Mrs. Hauser saw of them. Mrs. Hauser said that soon after the children had gone down stairs she heard a shrill and peculiar whistle, coming apparently from the back yard.

The police have learned that the children, when going home from school Monday night, had been pursued for a block and a half by a roughly dressed man. Soon after the three had returned, a woman, apparently a beggar, asked permission to rest at the Hauser house. She seemed to be a gypsy, and when denied permission, she left, cursing. Neighbors soon afterward saw her peering in at the windows.

FIRES MENACE BUILDINGS.

Serious Conditions in British Columbia Forests.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 18.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Wellington, B. C., says:

"The terminus of the Esquimalt and Victoria railway is in great danger tonight of being wiped out by fire which surrounds it. Much property, including the city school house, has gone. Owing to the dense smoke it is impossible to penetrate the lower end of town, but it is known that the church rectory and several large residences are in the greatest danger. Railway employees are fighting flames, four locomotives are hauling water. An engine and men have been sent from Hanalmo.

"Fire is driving toward the Hamilton powder works and the greatest anxiety is felt. Today the trestles which carry the mains and furnish the city's sole supply of water, caught fire. Their collapse was prevented only by hard work. Tonight they are threatened again and a big force has been sent to the scene to save the water supply if possible."

Knights Elect Officers.

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 18.—The supreme lodge Knights of Pythias today elected the following officers for the ensuing two years:

Supreme chancellor, Charles E. Shively, Richmond, Ind.
Supreme vice chancellor, Charles A. Barnes, Jacksonville, Ill.
Supreme prelate, L. H. Farnsworth, Salt Lake City.

Today's Weather.

Portland, Aug. 18.—Western Oregon and western Washington, Friday: Fair, slightly cooler, except near coast.
Eastern Oregon and eastern Washington: Fair and cooler.

Chicago Grain Market.

Chicago, Aug. 18.—Wheat—September, opened \$1.07 1/4 @ 1.08 1/4; closed, \$1.06 1/2; barley, 45 @ 49c; flax, \$1.16 1/2; Northwestern, \$1.24.